

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT for the 2001-2002 School Year

PARISH: St. Tammany

I, Robert Broome, residing at 109 Rue de Lorraine, Slidell, LA 70461
(Name) (Mailing Address, including City & Zip Code)

do declare that :

1.

This disclosure statement is made pursuant to LSA-R.S. 42:1119B(2)(a)(ii) for the school year beginning on August 20, 2001
(month) (day) (year)

2.

I am superintendent board member (circle one) of the St. Tammany City / Parish (circle one) School Board and have served in this capacity since January, 1999
(month) (day) (year)

3.

My immediate family member (defined by LSA-R.S. 42:1102(13) as a public servant's children, the spouses of his children, his brothers, his sisters, the spouses of his brothers, the spouses of his sisters, his parents, his spouse, and the parents of his spouse), is employed by the St. Tammany City / Parish School Board. The facts of such employment are as follows:

Name of Immediate Family Member: Ruth Broome
Relation of Immediate Family Member: Spouse
Position: Occupational Therapist
Date employed: March 30, 1998

Applicable Exception: (please mark all that apply)

- ☐ Certified to teach and employed as a classroom teacher
☒ Employed by school board for more than one year prior to my becoming a member of school board or superintendent
☐ Brother/Sister-in-Law employed before August 15, 1999

Robert Broome
School Board Member or Superintendent

NOTE: These disclosure statements are due within 30 days of the beginning of each school year that you have an immediate family member employed by the school board. This is so even if you filed one last year or at any other time during the year and the information you disclosed has not changed.

Failure to timely submit a required disclosure statement will result in the imposition of an automatic late fee of \$50.00 per day, with a maximum penalty of \$1,500.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OR SUPERINTENDENT WHO HAS AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYED TO SEE THAT THESE

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October 15, 1999

John C. LaMarque, President
St. Tammany Parish School Board
P.O. Box 940
Covington, LA 70434-0940

RE: Ethics Board Docket No. 99-613

Dear Mr. LaMarque:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, during the course of its October 14, 1999 meeting, considered the appearances of Harry P. Pastuszek, Jr. and Ruth Broome in connection with your request for an advisory opinion regarding the propriety of Mrs. Broome continuing her employment with the St. Tammany Parish School Board as an Occupational Therapist now that her husband has been elected to serve on the school board.

As presented in your request, and confirmed at the Board's meeting, Mrs. Broome began working with the St. Tammany Parish School Board in August 1994 via her then employer, Therapists Unlimited. At that time, Therapists Unlimited had a contract with the school board to provide therapists to specified locations designated by the school board. While working for Therapists Unlimited, Mrs. Broome was under the direct supervision and control of St. Tammany Parish School Board employee Judeyanne Coudrain. Mrs. Broome was directly employed by the school board in March 1998. Robert Broome, Mrs. Broome's husband, was elected to serve on the school board and took office as a school board member in January 1999.

On the basis of the above facts, the Board concluded and instructed me to inform you that there would not appear to be any violations of the Code of Governmental Ethics if Mrs. Broome were to continue her employment with the St. Tammany Parish School Board as an Occupational Therapist. The Board also instructed me to inform you that pursuant to Section 1112B(1), as a school board member, Mr. Broome must refrain from participating in any matter involving the school board and in which his wife has a substantial economic interest (for example, raises, promotions or transfers). However, Mr. Broome may participate in such matters, by voting only, if he files a Section 1120 disclosure statement with this Board and with the school board, which indicates why he was able to vote in a manner which was objective, fair, and in the best interest of the public. Mr. Broome would have to file such a statement within three days of the vote. No other acts of participation may be resolved in such a manner. Section 1102(15) of the Code defines "participate" to mean "to take part in or to have or share responsibility for action of a governmental entity or a proceeding, personally, as a public servant of the governmental entity, through approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, the rendering of advice, investigation, or the failure to act or perform a duty." Please find enclosed a copy of the Board's rules with respect to statements filed pursuant to Section 1120 of the Code.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at either of the two telephone numbers listed above.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS